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## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-47 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 2. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 21. Claim 21 has been canceled.

Claims 31, 39, and 46 have been amended to more clearly recite that the extracted data is communicated to the data collection site for integration, and that the data is communicated by performing a backup operation. No new matter has been added.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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